GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5379
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AMENDMENT IN CONSTITUTION TO GIVE MORE POWERS TO PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Constitution to give more powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) and (b): The All India Panchayat Adhyakshas Sammelan held at New Delhi in April, 2002, inter-alia, welcomed the proposal to discuss the need for an appropriate new Amendment to the Constitution to bring about speedy and effective devolution of financial and administrative powers to the Panchayati Raj Institutions and unanimously resolved to urge the Union Government to initiate the process in this behalf.